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SUBJECT: AFGHANISTAN: ANNOUNCEMENT OF RABBANI VISIT

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1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.

2. PLEASE SEEK CONCURRENCE/VIEWS FROM RABBANI IN SAUDI ARABIA AND/OR ALLIANCE REPRESENTATIVES IN PAKISTAN ON THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN INTENDS TO MAKE AT 1200 EDT JUNE 6:

QUOTE: PROFESSOR BURHANUDDIN RABBANI, THE CURRENT SPOKESMAN OF THE AFGHAN RESISTANCE ALLIANCE, WILL VISIT THE UNITED STATES JUNE 14-19 IN THE COURSE OF A TOUR OF WORLD CAPITALS. PROFESSOR RABBANI, WHO IS THE HEAD OF  
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THE JAMIAT-E-ISLAMI RESISTANCE PARTY, WILL BE ACCOMPANIED

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BY THREE OR FOUR OTHER RESISTANCE PARTY LEADERS. DURING THEIR VISIT TO WASHINGTON, THE DELEGATION WILL DISCUSS A NUMBER OF ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN WITH SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS AND WILL ALSO HAVE EXTENSIVE MEETINGS ON CAPITOL HILL. END QUOTE

3. THE SPOKESMAN WILL REFER TO THE WHITE HOUSE QUESTIONS ABOUT PRESIDENTIAL PARTICIPATION IN THE VISIT.

4. IN MAKING YOUR PRESENTATION TO THE ALLIANCE, PLEASE MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- AS A MATTER OF POLICY THE WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENTS UNTIL SHORTLY BEFORE THE EVENT. THERE IS NO/NO AMBIGUITY IN THE PRESIDENT'S WISH TO MEET RABBANI ET AL; HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO DOING SO ON JUNE 16 AT 11:30 A.M. AS SCHEDULED.

-- WE ENCOURAGE THE RESISTANCE TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT SIMILAR TO OUR OWN AND TO NOTE THAT RABBANI AND HIS FELLOW LEADERS EXPECT TO MEET THE PRESIDENT DURING THEIR VISIT.

-- WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO INCLUDE IN OUR ANNOUNCEMENT THE NAMES OF THE OTHER LEADERS WHO WILL BE ACCOMPANYING RABBANI ONCE WE ARE CERTAIN WHO THEY ARE.

5. FOR RIYADH AND JEDDAH: WE RECOGNIZE IT MAY NOT BE EASY FOR YOU TO FIND RABBANI ON A FRIDAY BUT URGE YOU TO DO YOUR BEST. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE PUBLIC DIPLOMACY ASPECTS OF HIS VISIT THAT THE FOREGOING ANNOUNCEMENT BE  
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MADE BEFORE OUR WEEKEND.

6. PLEASE ADVISE. SHULTZ

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